

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the Application. The Examiner asserts that there is a lack of unity and asserts that the Claims are divided into three inventions or groups, as follows:

- Group 1: Claim(s) 1-5, drawn to methods for selecting a chromosome specific oligonucleotide sequence;
- Group 2: Claim(s) 6-16, drawn to methods for detecting aneuploidy of a chromosome in a subject.
- Group 3: Claim(s) 17-23, drawn to kits comprising an assay for detection of an exon tag.

To further business interests and without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, Applicants elect the Claims in Group 2, *i.e.*, Claims 6-16, without traverse. Claims 1-5 and 17-23 are cancelled herein without prejudice in view of the present restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in one or more Divisional Applications.

If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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